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## Poland

## Biotechnology

## Polish Reaction to WTO Biotech Case

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**Report Highlights:**

There was no government reaction to reports that the WTO ruled against the EU in this case and there was little press reporting.

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There was no GOP reaction to reports that the WTO ruled against the EU on the biotech case. MinEnviron officials declined to comment and MinAg officials were unaware of the issue, until AgCouns informed them and provided a copy of the press release from USTR/USDA.

There was virtually no press reporting either: we have found only two articles. Both articles were virtually the same and somewhat accurate. They highlighted that EU member states, including Poland, could face retaliation if the EU does not comply with the WTO ruling.

Of greater interest, was a statement in one of the articles regarding the status of the draft GOP biotech legislation we reported earlier (GAIN PL 6006). According to the article, at the request of the Ministry of Environment, the draft legislation has been removed from the "Government's agenda" because it was not in line with the GOP's position that Poland should be a "GMO-free" zone. A Ministry of Environment official disputed this report, however. Our contact said that inter-ministerial discussion of the legislation was postponed in order to get additional input from some agencies. Our contact would not say when it would be put back on the agenda.